THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The regional network of All India Radio and Doordarshan in Gujarat primarily carry programmes in Gujarati. Programmes in Gujarati are also telecast by Doordarshan Kendra, Bombay. In addition, in exclusive satellite channel for programmes in Gujarati, DD11, was introduced from 15th August, 1994.

(c) The number of Gujarati films telecast by Doordarshan on the regional national channel during this period is indicated below:

1992	-	41
1993	-	41
1994	-	20
(Upto July, 1994)		

Recommendations of Kelkar Committee

3765. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kelkar Committee had recommended a cut off limit of 50 MT for the purpose of 100% import of newsprint;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. The Kelkar Committee had recommended to scale down the limit of 300 MTs (existing at that time) of imported newsprint to 50 MTs for 100% import by newspapers. This limit of 50 MTs was recommended to be extended to all newspapers irrespective of their size of circulation. After examination of the recommendation, Government brought down the limit to 200 MTs for 100% import of standard newsprint.

Streamlining the working of Doordarshan

3766. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan maintains the details about the number of proposals received and the programmes accepted, year-wise;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether proper procedures were not evolved by Doordarshan or prescribed by the Ministry when the scheme of outside production was launched to systematically record the position in respect of receipts of proposals and completion of programmes;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) the number of complaints received regarding the selection or rejection of outside programmes; and

(f) the steps taken to streamline the working of Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO):

(a) Yes Sir. (As in the enclosed statement).

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f) Such complaints are received at various kendras and the Directorate General, Doordarshan from time to time. Complaints of a serious nature and indicative of gross procedural irregularities are enquired into departmentally and the matter referred to the CBI whenever warranted.

Statement

Details in respect of proposals received in the central commissioning unit in the Directorate General, Doordarshan

Year	Proposals received	Proposals approved
1992	225	29
1993	393	57
1994 (upto 30.6.94)	427	135

(Since this is an ongoing activity the figures in column 3 do not represent only proposals received in the said year).

Illegal entry of foreign media

3767. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will

the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the American publishers of Computer Magazine "PC Magazine" is publishing its bulk of editorial matter in an Indian publication namely "PC Magazine India" published by M/s. Youngman Printers and Publishers Private Limited;

(b) if so, whether this amounts to a back-door entry of foreign media contravening the Cabinet Resolution on Foreign Media of 1955-56 as well as assurance given in Parliament recently by the Minister that foreign media is not being allowed into the country.

(c) whether the Registrar of Newspapers and the Reserve Bank of India have given permission for this tie-up; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to stop this and other such tie-ups?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Programmes on corruption by AIR and DD

3768. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: SHRI G.G. SWELL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan and AIR has focussed attention on corruption at high places through panel discussions, documentations or in any other form during the last 3 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Doordarshan has ever focussed attention on nexus of politicians with mafia; and

(d) whether Doordarshan has ever focussed attention on the plight of the honest officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (d) All India Radio and Doordarshan have for many years now strived through their broadcasts/telecasts to promote high ethical and moral values eschewing anything defamatory, or amounting to contempt of court and criticism by name of any person. Newsworthiness has been the guiding principle insofar as selection of news items is concerned.

Commercial alliance of Doordarshan with private advertising firms

3769. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Doordarshan is seeking longterm commercial alliance with private advertising and marketing firms;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the present commercial earnings of Doordarshan are much less than what its programmes are actually capable of fetching; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) The matter is under consideration.

(b) It is the constant endeavour of Doordarshan to increase the commercial revenues and improving its programme content and quality.

(c) Does not arise.

Telecast of new programmes for children

3770. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a number of proposals for telecast of new programmes for children during the current calendar year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what efforts are being taken by Government to telecast the aforesaid programmes for the development of the personality of children in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO):